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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA: GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT BY CAMBODIAN HEAD
OF STATE, PRINCE SIHANOUK

SUMMARY: IN AN ADDRESS BRISTLING WITH DENUNCIATIONS OF "US
IMPERIALISM", PRINCE SIHANOUK DECLARED THAT CAMBODIA'S
DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY WILL BE GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLES
OF INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-RELIANCE. HE ANNOUNCED THAT CAMBODIA
WILL NOT JOIN MILITARY ALLIANCES OR POWER BLOCS AND WILL NOT
PERMIT FOREIGN MILITARY BASES TO BE ESTABLISHED ON ITS
TERRITORY. WHILE EXPRESSING A DESIRE TO ESTABLISH FRIENDLY
RELATIONS WITH ALL STATES, HE CASTIGATED US POLICY IN THE
MIDDLE EAST AND KOREA, AND DENOUNCED THE US VETO OF THE UN
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS OF NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM AS A
"PETTY TACTIC". END SUMMARY

2. SIHANOUK BEGAN BY REPUDIATING ALL THE SPEECHES, VOTES AND
COMMITMENTS MADE BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC
IN THE UN BETWEEN 1970 AND 1975. HE ALSO THANKED THOSE UN
MEMBER STATES, AS WELL AS COUNTRIES NOT YET ADMITTED TO
MEMBERSHIP, WHICH SUPPORTED THE CAMBODIAN LIBERATION FORCES
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AGAINST "US IMPERIALISM" AND ITS PUPPETS DURING THIS PERIOD.

HE EXPRESSED PARTICULAR GRATITUDE TO US STUDENTS AND OTHERS, MALE AND FEMALE, WHO DID EVERYTHING THEY COULD "TO PUT AN END TO THE FOLLY OF US IMPERIALISM IN CAMBODIA".

3. SIHANOUK PORTRAYED THE LON NOL COUP OF 1970 AS THE CULMINATION OF FIFTEEN YEARS OF US INTRIGUES TO DESTROY CAMBODIA'S INDEPENDENCE AND NEUTRALITY. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE US CREATED THE LON NOL PUPPET REGIME TO "ADD A NEW JEWEL TO ITS IMPERIAL CROWN", TO USE CAMBODIA AS A BASE FOR FURTHER AGGRESSION, AND TO INTIMIDATE OTHER SMALL COUNTRIES. HE ADDED THAT THE VICTORY OF THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE AGAINST THE REPUTEDLY INVINCIBLE POWER OF THE US MILITARY MACHINE WAS THE RESULT OF THEIR DEVOTION TO THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-RELIANCE.

4. HE DECLARED THAT CAMBODIA WILL CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO THIS PRINCIPLE OF SELF-RELIANCE AS IT BEGINS ITS STRUGGLE AGAINST ECONOMIC UNDERDEVELOPMENT. HE SAID THAT A "NEW SOCIETY" IS BEING CREATED FREE OF EXPLOITATION AND CLASS DISTINCTIONS, AND THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN REPAIRING THE RAVAGES WROUGHT BY THE US. IN THIS CONTEXT, HE POINTED OUT THAT CAMBODIA IS NOW SELF-SUFFICIENT IN FOOD GRAINS, AND EXPECTS TO BEGIN EXPORTING CEREALS IN 1976. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT A DEVELOPMENT PLAN WILL SOON BE IMPLEMENTED IN WHICH AGRICULTURAL EXPORT EARNINGS WILL BE USED TO FINANCE THE EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES.

5. SIHANOUK THEN AFFIRMED THAT CAMBODIA WILL NOT JOIN ANY MILITARY ALLIANCE, POWER BLOC OR INTERNATIONAL GROUP WITH THE SOLE EXCEPTION OF THE UN AND THE GROUP OF NON-ALIGNED STATES. HE ADDED THAT NO COUNTRY WILL BE PERMITTED TO ESTABLISH MILITARY BASES OR INSTALLATIONS ON CAMBODIAN TERRITORY. (COMMENT: AT THIS POINT THERE WAS A BURST OF APPLAUSE FROM WHAT APPEARED TO BE A MAJORITY OF THE AUDIENCE.). HE ALSO DECLARED THAT CAMBODIA DESIRES TO ESTABLISH FRIENDLY TIES WITH ALL STATES WHICH WILL RESPECT ITS INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND NON-ALIGNMENT.

6. TURNING TO WORLD ISSUES, SIHANOUK PLEDGED "UNSWERVING SOLIDARITY" WITH THE ARAB STRUGGLE AGAINST ZIONIST AGGRESSION
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AND US IMPERIALISM, AND SUGGESTED THAT ISRAEL BE SUSPENDED FROM THE UN UNTIL IT WITHDRAWS FROM ARAB TERRITORY AND RECOGNIZES PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. HE ALSO EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN NAMIBIA, ZIMBABWE, SOUTH AFRICA, SPANISH SAHARA AND FRENCH SOMALILAND. IN ADDITION, HE ENDORSED CHINA'S DEMAND FOR THE RETURN OF TAIWAN, AND INDICATED CAMBODIA'S BACKING OF THE EFFORTS OF CUBA AND PANAMA TO RECOVER CONTROL OVER THE US BASES ON

THEIR TERRITORY.

7. ON KOREA, SIHANOUK URGED THE GA TO DISSOLVE THE UN COMMAND AND DEMAND THE WITHDRAWAL OF US TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA. HE SAID THAT THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND SEOUL IS "NOT WORTHY OF RESPECT" BECAUSE THE PARK REGIME IS A US PUPPET, NOT THE REPRESENTATIVE OF A SOVEREIGN STATE. HE ADDED THAT THE US IS DEPLOYING TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS AS PART OF ITS MILITARY BUILD-UP IN SOUTH KOREA ON THE PRETEXT OF SIMILAR WARLIKE PREPARATION IN THE NORTH. SIHANOUK ASSURED THE GA THAT PYONGYANG "HARBORS NO AGGRESSIVE DESIGNS," AND VOICED SUPPORT FOR KIM IL-SUNG'S 5-POINT PLAN FOR THE PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY.

8. IN CONCLUDING, SIHANOUK DENOUNCED THE US VETO OF THE ADMISSIONS OF NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM TO THE UN AS A "PETTY TACTIC" UNWORTHY OF THE TRADITIONS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND A "GRAVE ABUSE" OF THE VETO RIGHT ENJOYED BY THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. HE CALLED ON THE GA TO ELIMINATE THIS BARRIER TO THE ADMISSION OF THE VIETNAMS, AND REITERATED CAMBODIA'S DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH THE UN AND ALL COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE NON-ALIGNED AND THOSE WHICH HAVE SUPPORTED ITS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE US.

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